

News-Times Purchases Star, Courier

The veteran pioneer newspapers The Placentia Courier and The Yorba Linda Star, last week were added to the growing empire of Pathfinder Publications, Inc., owner and publisher, Raymond W. Duncan, Jr.

Pathfinder also issues the four weekly-edition News-Times which covers Placentia, Yorba Linda, Brea and East Anaheim Hills.

No figures were disclosed in the sale which combined the news carriers. The purchase was made by Duncan from Robert and Jane Caswell, Placentia residents, who had purchased The Courier and The Star a year and a half ago.

For Duncan, who is 36 and a resident of Yorba Linda, it has been a quick expansion in the publishing business which he first entered in 1973. At that time he purchased the News-Times which had been established three years before by veteran advertising man Earl Shelley.

The News-Times brought innovation to the growing Placentia Yorba Linda area, offering its product free

to readers and providing saturation circulation for advertisers. The paper has grown steadily since Duncan acquired it with only the combined Placentia Yorba Linda edition in production.

Jane Caswell has recently served as publisher of The Star-Courier enterprise with both Mr. and Mrs. Caswell increasing their specialty of photography in the pages of the two weeklies.

The purchase establishes Pathfinder as a major contender in the newspaper publishing field in the north Orange County area. The two weeklies added to the chain are landmarks in their community. The Placentia Courier having been in service in its city for more than 66 years. The paper was established with the original Placentia townsite and its first advertisements told of the attributes of the burgeoning city's building sites.

A Silver Anniversary edition of The Courier, published in 1935 is a collector's item.

The Star, a pioneer publication in the city of Yorba Linda is serving the city's building sites.



OWNERSHIP CHANGE - Three representatives of Pathfinder Publications from left; Don Hopp, sales manager; Leland Pound, editor in chief and Ray Duncan, publisher, meet with Robert Caswell, right, to announce the sale of the Yorba Linda Star and Placentia Courier to the Placentia based organization. [Debbie Conkey Photo]

community for its 61st year. It has occasionally made national headlines, most recently over the problems of its most famous former resident, former President Nixon.

The national press has merged on occasion on the picturesque city which boasts the birthplace of a president of the United States. Controversy over this fact, which changed the credit line denoting the President's birthplace, running under the Star mast, was noted throughout the world when the wording was changed to eliminate Nixon's name.

William and Edna Drake were long time proprietors of the weekly Star. It was later bought during the Sixties episode by Edward Kelli.

The new ownership brings a Yorba Linda family back to the area's journalistic. Mr. and Mrs. Julie Duncan, who is a descendant of the well known pioneer Jewish family have five children, Greg, 13; Melinda, 12; Brian, 10; Michael, 8; and Barbara, 6.

Duncan is a graduate of Indiana and received his degree in finance

from California State University at Fullerton. He also serves as a director of the Placentia Chamber of Commerce.

"We believe that combining these publications will increase readability for the public and broaden the paper's horizons," Duncan explained.

The print media is a very challenging business these days with so much competition from other advertising opportunities. It is an increasingly difficult struggle to make a profit."

This is basically the reason it was essential to get these publications together as they have been covering the same areas in some part and making the same news effort.

We believe this will offer an improved product for everyone concerned.

Duncan said that editions of the two papers involved are expected to continue their names and possibly merge after this week. Precise plans have not yet been made as to what changes appear.

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YLSD Unification Hearing Thur.

'Strangers' Rob Bank; Trapped in Dead End

Yorba Linda citizens joined with police Thursday afternoon to foil a trio of armed bank robbers.

According to investigators, the men entered the Yorba Linda branch of Bank of America at 3 p.m. just as it was closing.

Ordering those inside to lie on the floor, one of the masked intruders hopped over the tellers' counter and instructed an employee to gather up the money from the cash boxes along

the counter.

The employee did so handing the currency to a second man on the other side of the counter, who put it into a paper bag.

Meantime, a silent alarm at the bank had alerted Brea Police Station to the possibility of a robbery. The dispatcher notified Officer Jim Williamson, the only policeman in the area, who proceeded to the bank across the street.

Ordering those inside to lie on the floor, one of the masked intruders hopped over the tellers' counter and instructed an employee to gather up the money from the cash boxes along

the counter, and the robbers fled the bank.

Williamson raced the distance to find that a robbery might well be under way and asked for support. There was none immediate available.

The intruder pulled away from the bank, crossed Las Flores Avenue, spoke with Williamson behind it, swapped into the car, turned to the parking lot at Las Flores Cafeteria, through the gate and drove eastbound on Yorba Linda Boulevard, with Williamson still behind.

Williamson saw the fugitives apparently driving away. They stopped about ten feet from a street trade at a quick turn onto northbound Avenida Rosario. Once thereafter driving west to Avenida de las Flores and south on Avenida de las Granaditas, a dead end.

At the end of the line, the men leaped from the car and fled on foot, one southward onto Avenida de las Flores and twowise toward Avenida de las Flores.

During the high-speed pursuit through the residential area a local resident Linda Mae Smith, out for a drive herself, was nearly run off the road by the getaway car as she later told police. Seeing Williamson immediately thereafter, Smith took off in hot pursuit and pursued with alarm toward the scene of the complaint.

She caught up with them at the end of Avenida Granaditas. The Chevy, later found to have been stolen, had been abandoned and Officer Williamson was trying to pick up a lot of money that was blowing around in the street. When Smith got out to find out what was going on, he asked her to help.

She agreed, eventually picking up nearly \$1700 that the robbers had left behind.

Meanwhile, someone was at the door of the home of James Marie Patton, on Avenida de las Flores.

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Little League to Continue Suit

Man Held in Wife's Death

agreement that the league will not use the baseball complex at Valencia View.

League President Bill Harvey and Vice President Jerry Humphries explained the situation as approximately "to prevent conflicts and managers" during a six-storms-a-day two-hour session.

Humphries has been the chief contact between the league and the City of Yorba Linda. The Yorba Linda School District, however, has been strongly opposing the plan.

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FUHSD Set to Wage Last Ditch Stand

A meeting has the blessings of the Orange County Committee on School District Organization and the State Department of Education, despite the State Board of Education's proposal that the Yorba Linda School District's unification proposal may be less than automatic at the Tuesday, May 12, public hearing in Santiago.

James Bremer, Assistant to the Superintendent of the Fullerton Union High School District, indicated that district officials will argue strongly against the plan.

Bremer said a large delegation of resident officials headed by Board President Franklin Sullivan and Superintendent Walter Ziegler will take part in hearing. There is a strong possibility that FUSD, PTA, community figures and some Yorba Linda residents will oppose continuation when it is attended.

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the inside story



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Children and Youth activities throughout the year. See Page 3.

The Library's Summer Reading Program and Credit Registration on Page 4.

Mayor Oliver has issued a proclamation for the Sun-Sand Golf Tournament. Read the story and see the picture on Page 6.

This happy lady is just part of a group at the Yorba Linda Country Club. For the details see the full photo and the story on Page 12.

Sign up for soccer information is on Page 6.

CIF Baseball pairings are on Page 7 as is the Scoreboard.

The newly formed Creative Arts Society is revealed on Page 8.

News about the Needle Arts Guild is on Page 8.

Doings in local churches are on Page 9.

Little League results are on Page 12.

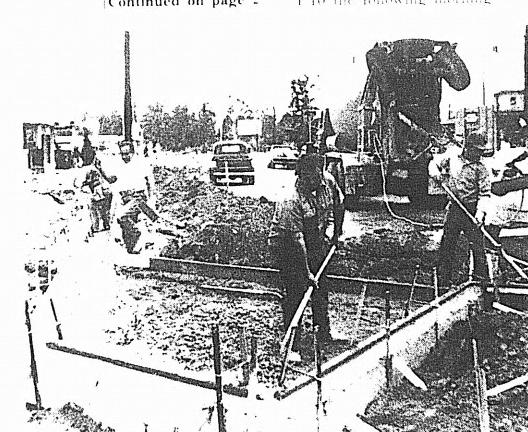
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CONVERSATION PIECE - Installation of the angled curbing on Main Street was the principal part of the reconstruction project accomplished last week. The work commanded the attention of business folks, shoppers and sidewalk superintendents. [Debbie Conkey Photo]

PRELUDE - Temporary water pipe to service Main Street businesses burst last week and muddled up a large portion of the reconstruction project. But that was nothing compared to the quagmire which greeted everyone last Monday morning after Sunday's heavy rain. The project was converted into a reasonable facsimile of the great Okefenokee Swamp. [Debbie Conkey Photo]

"Candid Clicks"

HAVING FUN This mother really enjoyed the event at which her photo was taken. If you know her and where she was and are the first person to call 528-7080 with the correct information you can win \$5 to spend at the STAR advertiser of your choice. The last Candid Click of Jeff Riggs at Village Pre-School was identified by Linda Rasmussen who will spend her \$5 at The Plant Lady. (Debbie Conkey Photo)

Registration for Kindergarten Set

Kindergarten registration in the Yorba Linda School District will be held on May 18 at the Mabel Lane, Richard Nixon, Linda Vista and Rose Drive Schools. Hours for registration are as follows:

Linda Vista and Nixon - 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

Paine and Rose Drive - 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Orientation for new kindergarten parents at Rose Drive will be at 3 p.m. on May 18.

Please register your child at the school most convenient for you. It is not necessary to bring your child with you. Any child who will be five years of age on or before December 2, 1977, shall be eligible to enter the kindergarten program.

The following information will be required at the time of enrollment:

Proof of birthdate, the birth certificate, baptismal certificate (if duly attested), passport affidavit of parent, guardian or custodian of minor.

Names, address and telephone numbers of neighbors or friends to contact in an emergency if parents cannot be reached.

Family Physician by address and telephone number. Dates of childhood diseases.

Proof of immunization for polio, measles, tetanus, diphtheria.

Unification . . .

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Opponents heard. It was decided by the LA group that the plan would not have a significant effect on the Los Angeles County portion of the district.

The Fullerton District has prepared a position paper in opposition to the unification. One of the points it strongly makes is that unification could close Troy High. Some 1,200 Yorba Linda students now attend that school.

Should unification occur, they would be phased out of Troy and attend a new high school which would have to be constructed by the new unified district.

Bremer also indicated that several facets of the OCSCO Final Plan for unification would be seriously questioned in Sacramento.

The State Board is expected to make a decision following Thursday's hearing. If the YLSD gets approval for unification there will be a district election in March of 1978 as the final step in the lengthy process.

Police Beat**Saturday, May 7**

The van of Bradley B. Hildebrand, 21, of Bales, Yorba Linda, was burglarized Friday night of \$470 worth of items, including a tape deck, tapes, a CB antenna, a fog light, and assorted tools.

Wednesday, May 4

A construction site there was apparently solved last week almost as soon as it was accomplished. At about 7 Wednesday morning visitors at Yorba Linda Knolls reported the theft of some \$1000 worth of materials from a new condominium being built at 19448 Montealto, Yorba Linda. Goods missing included an air-conditioning unit and copper tubing.

A couple of hours later workmen saw four teenagers enter an avocado grove across the street from the site of the theft. Suspects, they reported their observation to the job supervisor, Marlin Maxim, who investigated.

As Maxim approached the boys fled. Entering the grove, Maxim reportedly found the goods stolen from the site, partly hidden beneath freshly pulled weeds and leaves. He called police.

Armed with Maxim's story officers began searching the area. They came up with one 16-year-old who was allegedly identified as one of the four boys seen.

Under questioning the youngster reportedly admitted being in the avocado grove that morning and knowing of the theft, but denied taking part in it himself. He implicated two other youths.

Acting on this account, which was reinforced by the story of the fourth, who was not participating, boy, police arrested two Yorba Linda youngsters, one 16 and one 15.

Both were taken to juvenile hall.

Tuesday, May 3

Three saddles valued at a total of \$150 were stolen Monday night last week from a storage shed at El Cajon Stables, 1731 El Cajon, Yorba Linda.

Little Bits

Postponed because of the rain, the Boy Scout Troop 99 Pancake Breakfast scheduled for Mother's Day, will be held Saturday, May 14 at the Alpha Beta Market parking lot from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Councilman Henry Weddah has been elected Chairman of the West Coast Corridor Study Steering Committee of the California Subcorridor. This is a study of travel between major cities with the main emphasis on person travel. Weddah said his appointment will assist North Orange County with the Chino Hills Airport problem. The study is sponsored by Caltrans and the Federal Railroad Administration.

Traffic Officer R.S. Perry of Yorba Linda was one of 17 members of the Santa Ana area California Highway Patrol Office honored for professional safe driving records by the Automobile Club of Southern California. Perry has had five consecutive years without a preventable accident.

Councilman Irwin Fried met last week with Assemblyman Bruce Nestande to discuss the lack of traffic safety devices on Imperial Highway between Rose Drive and Yorba Linda Blvd. Fried said that Nestande suggested the city and the Yorba Linda School District issue a joint resolution to Governor Brown asking him to direct Caltrans to solve the problem on the state highway. Fried said he will pursue the matter further when in Sacramento for a League of California Cities legislative seminar May 15-18.

Volunteers in Child Abuse (VICA) will hold an information meeting on Thursday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Orange County Library Headquarters, 431 City Drive South in Orange. Volunteers may call 834-4703 for further information.

Several attractions are listed for the observance of National Hospital Week at Esperanza Intercommunity Hospital on Bastanchury Road. The week will be observed May 8-14. There will be a program for senior citizens and a class in childbirth for prospective parents. For information call 993-3000.

Yorba Linda received a total of \$62,691 from recent apportionment of funds collected by state agencies. Motor vehicle license fees contributed \$26,304, highway user taxes another \$17,064, sales and use taxes \$12,250 and cigarette taxes \$7,073.

Barbara Machado on Commission

The name of "Machado", which was in the forefront of Yorba Linda's early beginnings as an incorporated city a decade ago has returned to the municipal government arena with the appointment of Barbara Machado to a vacancy on the Planning Commission.

She has been appointed to the seat left open by the resignation of Howard Eriksen.

Mrs. Machado's late husband, George, was one of the prime movers in the battle to incorporate the city and she was active in the struggle. George was appointed to the Planning Commission and later

was elected to the City Council. He is generally credited with being the father of the city's General Plan. While on the Council he served a stint as Mayor.

Mrs. Machado withdrew from the political scene, took graduate work at Cal State Fullerton and worked as a STAR reporter.

She later assumed the position she now holds as public relations director for St. Joseph Hospital in Orange. She resides at 1792 Meadow View Drive with her children, Michael, Doug and Carol Lynn.

Warren Named to NOCCCD Board

Appointed to fill a vacancy on the North Orange County Community College District Board of Trustees has been Herbert M. Warren, a former trustee who also was active in the formation of the district.

The appointment made Tuesday by the board of trustees is for two years of the four-year term to which the late Salvador "Sal" Zavala was elected in March.

The education code section that allows filling such a vacancy by appointment provides that an appointee serve only until the next regularly scheduled election in 1979.

The person elected in 1979 will serve the final two years of the 1977-81 term to which Mr. Zavala was elected just weeks before his death.

Warren's appointment at a special board meeting concluded a selection process that began with solicitation of nominations from organizations and individuals.

Applications from persons interested in filling the trustee area 3 vacancy also were sought.

A 14-candidate field resulted from the 32 letters that were received by the board. The field was narrowed to five persons who were interviewed.

The five finalists were selected by totaling the points each trustee assigned to candidates after studying nominations, recommendations, applications and a written outline of each candidate's qualifications.

Under provisions of the state education code, Warren will serve without powers or duties, including voting, for a 30-day period.

During that time voters may request that an election be held at district expense prior to the regularly scheduled 1979 election.

Warren will sit with the board in all but executive sessions for the 30-day provisional period of his appointment.

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LL Suit . . .

(Continued from Page 1) groups has interfered with league play.

Clarification and refinement is now being attempted on several points of agreement which is being worked out in negotiation.

These include: City ownership of the lighting system; league abandonment of the field 90 days after notice; field administered by the city through a joint powers agreement with the school district; league schedules to be honored through the current season; city to maintain and repair the property; league have option to purchase lights for \$20,000; league to have no financial interest in the property.

There was criticism of the league's attorney, the manner in which and by whom the suit was instigated. There was also strong reaction to the city's handling of the situation.

Before the vote was taken the discussions deteriorated into infighting between those supportive of the board and those who objected to the suit as a means of solving the situation.

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